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birds entered from the top as this was the only opening large enough to admit them. All went well until the young were able to leave the nest. But now how to get out? They had never gone through the upper passage and therefore did not know the route to the outer world. The old birds diligently fed and cared for their broods that were rapidly growing in size, when finally they became aware of their folly and gave up in despair. The young were left to their own fate. The globes in which the nests were situated are transparent and are 150 feet above the ground. The young could see the green world below, hear the twitter of other birds that were flying about and yet they were unable to leave their confinement. The old birds could be seen flying about, in distress throughout the day and unable to give any relief. Now imagine the miserable deaths these poor little creatures met.

After a new power plant had been erected men were ordered to clean the towers and make all necessary repairs. On one occasion I saw an electrician take six full grown young from a single globe, besides many individuals out of the others. This is probably one instance out of a hundred that shows how bird life is affected as civilization advances. The scissor-tailed flycatcher often builds its nest on the cross bars of the towers.—A. E. SCHUTZE, *Austin, Texas.*

## MINUTES OF MEETINGS

**JULY.**—The July meeting was held July 9, at the residence of H. R. Taylor, Alameda. Eleven members and ten visitors were present, and President Taylor occupied the chair. Three new active members were elected, viz., Messrs. Walter Dean, L. Stejneger, and S. F. Rathbun. Communications from Mr. William Brewster and Dr. Jonathan Dwight, Jr. were read, and five persons were proposed for membership, viz., Miss E. F. Kuhls, and Messrs. A. H. Snow, H. C. Oberholser, R. H. Johnson, and C. H. Rose. Mr. W. K. Fisher was appointed chairman of the Information Committee. Mr. Emerson spoke on "The Identification of Birds in the Field," and two papers were also presented one by Mr. Mailliard, "California Jays and Cats," and one by Mrs. Florence Merriam Bailey, "A Dusky Grouse and her Brood in New Mexico." The authors not being present the papers were read by the Secretary and by Mr. Fisher. Meeting adjourned to meet at San Anselmo, Sept. 10, 1904.

**SEPTEMBER.**—The September meeting was held at the residence of H. H. Sheldon, San Anselmo, Sept. 10. The small attendance was noticeable, only five members and two visitors being present. Mr. Grinnell occupied the chair in the absence of Mr. Taylor. Five new members were elected, as follows: Miss Elsa F. Kuhls, Messrs. A. H. Snow, H. C. Oberholser, R. H. Johnson, and C. H. Rose. Mr. J. Proctor was proposed for membership. Mr. Grinnell addressed the Club regarding the financial condition of THE CONDOR. He informed the Club that it was in a most satisfactory condition, and that the year would close with a small balance on hand. Mr. Johnson's paper "Notes on Unusual Nesting Sites of the Pacific Yellow-throat," was read by Mr. Grinnell, and Mr. Thompson spoke on "The Anatidae of Morro Bay." The Club then adjourned to meet in Oakland, Nov. 5, 1904.

**NOVEMBER.**—The Club met Nov. 5 at the home of Miss Helen Swett, Oakland. Nineteen members and seven visitors were present, and President Taylor occupied the chair. The order of business was reversed and the program was immediately proceeded to. Mr. Seale gave a most interesting address on the "Birds of the South Seas," and Mr. Taylor read Mr. Silloway's paper "Notes from Flathead 1904." Business was then taken up, and Mr. J. W. Procter, Stanford University, was elected to active membership. The following were proposed for membership: Messrs. H. H. Elbert, Stanford University; P. J. Fair, Palo Alto; W. A. Bryan, Honolulu; E. S. Currier, Tacoma, Washington; C. P. Smith, Palo Alto; and Dr. E. A. Mearns, Washington, D. C.

The following were nominated as officers for 1905: president, Joseph Mailliard; senior vice-president, Miss Helen Swett; junior vice-pres., J. O. Snyder; secretary, Charles S. Thompson; treasurer, Joseph Grinnell.

Mr. Fisher proposed that the January meeting should be held at some restaurant in San Francisco, and the members present voted unanimously that the annual meeting should be held at such restaurant as should be decided upon by the committee appointed for that purpose by Pres. Taylor. The Club approved Mr. Fisher's action in placing the magazines and books of the Club in the Barbara Jordan Ornithological Library at Stanford University.

Adjourned to meet in San Francisco, January 14, 1905.

CHARLES S. THOMPSON, Secretary.